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In re application of:

FURUSE et al.

APR 01 2003 Attorney Docket No: 106145-00021

Application No. 09/940,603

TC 1700 Art Unit: 1725

Filed: August 29, 2001

Examiner: K. Lin

For: METHOD FOR JOINING FRAME MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 28, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 28, 2002, the time period for responding being extended to March 28, 2003 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, and prior to examination of the attached Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 3-10 as follows:

-- 3. (New) A method for joining a door sash with frame members of door

C | components, said method comprising the steps of:

fitting a part of each of said frame members into a mold;

forming a bent end part at an end part of said door sash;

fitting said bent end part of said door sash into said mold; and

wrapping up the part of said frame members and said bent end part of said door sash in cast metal.